

SENATE RESOLUTION 205

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dile M. Brown on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dile M. Brown is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-five years in the motorcycle business and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born August 10, 1937, in Madison, Wisconsin, to Maynard and Hannah Brown, Mr. Brown is the eldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, he purchased his first Harley-Davidson motorcycle at age fifteen after riding and owning scooters for two years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating high school in Springfield, Illinois, in 1955, Mr. Brown worked for General Telephone in various positions from lineman to District Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, it was at General Telephone that he met his wife, Connie, in 1960; they married in March of that year; the couple's blessed union produced two sons, Dile "DJ" Brown, Jr., and David Brown; and

WHEREAS, while still working for General Telephone, Mr. Brown had the opportunity to open his first Harley-Davidson store in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1966; Mrs. Brown operated Chillicothe Harley-Davidson during the day while Mr. Brown worked for the phone company and operated it in the evenings; and

WHEREAS, for his excellent performance in Chillicothe, Dile Brown was given the opportunity to move to a larger market and bigger store by the Harley-Davidson Motor

Company; that store was located in Knoxville, where the Browns moved in April 1968, opening Knoxville Harley-Davidson on Clinton Highway; and

WHEREAS, with a growing passion for motorcycles fueled by living in the beautiful hills of east Tennessee, Mr. Brown started selling dirt bikes, as well as racing competitively, in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Mr. Brown expanded his business when he bought a Honda Motorcycle dealership and built a larger store on Clinton Highway; later that same decade, he purchased a Yamaha dealership and renovated the family business, now known as Knoxville Harley/Honda/Yamaha; and

WHEREAS, in the decades since, Knoxville Harley/Honda/Yamaha has seen many more changes with the growth of the motorcycle industry; Dile Brown now runs three dealerships, the Honda/Yamaha business in one location and the Harley-Davidson businesses in two other locations; and

WHEREAS, after forty-three years in Knoxville and forty-five years in the motorcycle business, Mr. Brown is passing the torch to his sons DJ and David; he looks forward to riding motorcycles, watching baseball, and traveling with his beloved wife; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's second love is baseball; during his time managing Knoxville Harley-Davidson, racing, and raising his sons, he coached a Little League team for more than twenty years at Inskip-Norwood Ballpark and remains an avid supporter and sponsor of the Tennessee Smokies; and

WHEREAS, Dile Brown is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dile Brown has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Dile M. Brown our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.